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EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979 "Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment" regulations (e.g. sections .200 through .299) and "Handling" regulations (e.g. sections .300 through .399) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

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DEFINITIONS

§ 927.1 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.

§ 927.2 Act.

Act means Public Act No. 10, 73d Congress (May 12, 1933), as amended and as reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

§ 927.3 Person.

Person means an individual partnership, corporation, association, legal representative, or any organized groups of individuals.

§ 927.4 Pears.

Pears means and includes any and all of the Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosc, Winter Nelis, Doyenne du Comice, Forelle, and Sekel varieties of pears, and any other winter pear varieties or subvarieties that are grown in the production area and are recognized by the Control Committee and approved by the Secretary.

[62 FR 61002, Nov. 14, 1997]

§ 927.5 Size.

Size means the number of pears which can be packed in a standard western pear box 18" long, 11½" wide and 8½"

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deep (inside measurements) when packed in accordance with the packing requirements of the U.S. Standards for Pears (part 51 of this title), or as such standards hereafter may be modified or as "size" may be more specifically defined in a regulation issued under this part.

§ 927.6 Grower.

Grower means any person engaged in the production of pears, either as owner or as tenant.

§ 927.7 Handler.

Handler means any person (except a common carrier of pears owned by another person) who, as owner, agent, broker, or otherwise, ships or handles pears, or causes pears to be shipped or handled, in fresh form by rail, truck, boat, or any other means whatsoever.

§ 927.8 Ship or handle.

Ship or *handle* means to sell, deliver, consign or transport pears, within the production area or between the production area and any point outside thereof: *Provided*, That the term "handle" shall not include the transportation of winter pear shipments within the production area from the orchard where grown to a packing facility located within the production area for preparation for market.

[61 FR 17554, Apr. 22, 1996]

§ 927.9 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period means the period beginning July 1 of any year and ending June 30 of the following year or such annual beginning and ending dates as may be approved by the Secretary pursuant to recommendations by the Control Committee.

[51 FR 30626, Aug. 28, 1986]

§ 927.10 Production area.

Production area means and includes the States of Oregon and Washington.

[62 FR 61002, Nov. 14, 1997]

§ 927.11 District.

District means the applicable one of the following-described subdivisions of the area covered by the provisions of this subpart:

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(a) *Medford District* shall include the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Curry, Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Klamath in the State of Oregon.

(b) *Hood River-White Salmon-Underwood District* shall include all of the State of Oregon not included in the Medford District, and the counties of Skamania and Klickitat in the State of Washington.

(c) *Wenatchee District* shall include the counties of Chelan, Okanogan, Douglas, and Spokane in the State of Washington.

(d) *Yakima District* shall include all of the State of Washington, not included in the Wenatchee District or in the Hood River-White Salmon-Underwood District.

[15 FR 6071, Sept. 9, 1950. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 51 FR 30626, Aug. 28, 1986; 62 FR 61002, Nov. 14, 1997]

§ 927.12 Export market.

Export market means any destination which is not within the 50 states, or the District of Columbia, of the United States.

[61 FR 17554, Apr. 22, 1996]

§ 927.13 Subvariety.

Subvariety means and includes any mutation, sport, or other derivation of any of the varieties covered in § 927.4 which is recognized by the Control Committee and approved by the Secretary. Recognition of a subvariety by the Control Committee shall include classification within a varietal group for the purposes of votes conducted under § 927.52.

[51 FR 30626, Aug. 28, 1986]

CONTROL COMMITTEE

§ 927.20 Establishment and membership.

A Control Committee, consisting of 12 individual persons as its members, is hereby established to administer the terms and provisions of this subpart as specifically provided in §§ 927.20 through 927.35. There shall be two alternates, designated as the "first alternate" and the "second alternate," respectively, for each member of the committee. Six members of the Control Committee and their respective alter-

nates shall be growers of pears, and six members and their respective alternates shall be handlers of pears. Each district shall be represented on the Control Committee by one grower member and one handler member except that the Hood River-White Salmon-Underwood District and the Wenatchee District shall be represented on the committee by two grower members and two handler members.

[51 FR 30626, Aug. 28, 1986, as amended at 62 FR 61002, Nov. 14, 1997]

§ 927.21 Nomination and selection of members and their respective alternates.

The grower members and their respective alternates for each district shall be selected by the Secretary from nominees elected by the growers in such district, and the handler members and their respective alternates for each district shall be selected by the Secretary from nominees elected by the handlers in such district.

§ 927.22 Meetings for election of nominees.

Nominations for members of the Control Committee and their alternates shall be made at meetings of growers and handlers held in each of the districts designated in § 927.11 at such times and places as the Control Committee shall designate. At each of such meetings the growers or handlers eligible to participate therein shall select a chairman and a secretary of that meeting. In the election of nominees, each grower and each handler shall be entitled to vote in accordance with the provisions of § 927.23. The chairman of the meeting shall announce at the meeting the name of each person for whom votes have been cast, whether as a member or as an alternate for a member, and the number of votes cast for each such person; and the chairman or the secretary of such meeting shall forthwith transmit such information to the Secretary or his designated representative.

§ 927.23 Voting.

Only growers in attendance at meetings for election of nominees shall participate in the nomination of grower

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members and their alternates, and only handlers in attendance at meetings for election of nominees shall participate in the nomination of handler members and their alternates. A grower may participate only in the election held in the district in which he produces pears, and a handler may participate only in the election held in the district or districts in which he handles pears. No person may vote both as a handler and as a grower. Each grower and each handler shall be entitled to cast one vote, on behalf of himself, his agents, partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, and representatives, for each nominee to be elected.

§ 927.24 Eligibility for membership.

Each grower member and each of his alternates shall be a grower who grows pears in the district in which and for which he is nominated and selected. Each handler member and each of his alternates shall be a handler, or an officer or employee of a handler, handling pears in the district in and for which he is nominated and selected.

§ 927.25 Failure to nominate.

In the event nominations are not made pursuant to §§ 927.21 and 927.22 on or before June 1 of any year, the Secretary may select members and alternates for members without regard to nominations.

§ 927.26 Qualifications.

Any person prior to or within 15 days after selection as a member or as an alternate for a member of the Control Committee shall qualify by filing with the Secretary a written acceptance of the person's willingness to serve.

[51 FR 30626, Aug. 28, 1986]

§ 927.27 Term of office.

The term of office of each member and alternate member of the Control Committee shall be for two years beginning July 1 and ending June 30: *Provided*, That the terms of office of one-half the initial members and alternates shall end June 30, 1988; and that beginning with the 1987-88 fiscal periods, no member shall serve more than three consecutive two-year terms unless specifically exempted by the Secretary.

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Members and alternate members shall serve in such capacities for the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified. The terms of office of successor members and alternates shall be so determined that one-half of the total committee membership ends each June 30.

[51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986]

§ 927.28 Alternates for members of the Control Committee.

The first alternate for a member shall act in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate during such member's absence. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his first alternate shall act as a member until a successor for the member is selected and has qualified. The second alternate for a member shall serve in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate whenever both the member and his first alternate are unable to serve.

§ 927.29 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate for a member of the Control Committee to qualify, or in the event of death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any qualified member or qualified alternate for a member, a successor for his unexpired term shall be nominated and selected in the manner set forth in §§ 927.20 to 927.35. If nominations to fill any such vacancy are not made within 20 days after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations.

§ 927.30 Compensation and expenses.

The members and alternates for members of the Control Committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their respective duties.

§ 927.31 Powers of Control Committee.

The Control Committee shall have the following powers:

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(a) To administer, as specifically provided in §§ 927.20 to 927.35, the terms and provisions of this subpart:

(b) To make administrative rules and regulations in accordance with, and to effectuate, the terms and provisions of this subpart; and

(c) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this subpart.

§ 927.32 Duties of Control Committee.

The duties of the Control Committee shall be as follows:

(a) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and any grower or handler;

(b) To keep minutes, books, and records which will reflect clearly all of the acts and transactions of the Control Committee, which minutes, books, and records shall be subject at any time to examination by the Secretary or by such person as may be designated by the Secretary;

(c) To investigate, from time to time, and to assemble data on the growing, harvesting, shipping, and marketing conditions relative to pears, and to furnish to the Secretary such available information as may be requested;

(d) To perform such duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Secretary in connection with the administration of section 32 of the act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes, Public Act No. 320, 74th Congress, approved August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 774), as amended;

(e) To cause the books of the Control Committee to be audited by one or more competent accountants at the end of each fiscal year and at such other times as the Control Committee may deem necessary or as the Secretary may request, and to file with the Secretary copies of any and all audit reports made;

(f) To appoint such employees as it may deem necessary, and to determine the salaries and define the duties of such employees;

(g) To give the Secretary, or the designated agent of the Secretary, the same notice of meetings of the Control Committee as is given to the members of the Control Committee;

(h) To select a chairman of the Control Committee and, from time to

time, such other officers as it may deem advisable; and

(i) To submit to the Secretary each fiscal period a budget of its expenses during that fiscal year.

[15 FR 6071, Sept. 9, 1950. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and as amended at 27 FR 93, Jan. 5, 1962]

§ 927.33 Procedure of Control Committee.

(a) *Quorum and voting.* A quorum at a meeting of the Control Committee shall consist of nine members, or alternates then serving in the place of any members. Except as otherwise provided in § 927.52, all decisions of the Control Committee at any meeting shall require the concurring vote of at least 75 percent of those members present, including alternates then serving in the place of any members.

(b) *Mail voting.* The Control Committee may provide for members voting by mail, telecopier or other electronic means, telephone, or telegraph, upon due notice to all members. Promptly after voting by telephone or telegraph, each member thus voting shall confirm in writing, the vote so cast.

[15 FR 6071, Sept. 9, 1950. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986; 62 FR 61002, Nov. 14, 1997]

§ 927.34 Rights of the Secretary.

The members and alternates for members of the Control Committee and any agent or employee appointed or employed by the Control Committee shall be subject to removal or suspension by the Secretary at any time. Each and every regulation, decision, determination, or other act of the Control Committee shall be subject to the continuing right of the Secretary to disapprove of the same at any time, and, upon such disapproval, shall be deemed null and void, except as to acts done in reliance thereon or in compliance therewith prior to such disapproval by the Secretary.

§ 927.35 Funds and other property.

(a) All funds received by the Control Committee pursuant to any of the provisions of this subpart shall be used solely for the purposes specified in this subpart, and the Secretary may require

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the Control Committee and its members to account for all receipts and disbursements.

(b) Upon the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or expiration of the term of office of any member or employee of the Control Committee, all books, records, funds, and other property in his possession belonging to the Control Committee shall be delivered to his successor in office or to the Control Committee, and such assignments and other instruments shall be executed as may be necessary to vest in such successor or in the Control Committee full title to all the books, records, funds, and other property in the possession or under the control of such member or employee pursuant to this subpart.

§ 927.36 Public advisors.

The Control Committee may appoint such public advisors as it deems appropriate and determine the compensation and defines the duties of such advisors.

[51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986]

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§ 927.40 Expenses.

The Control Committee is authorized to incur such expenses as the Secretary finds may be necessary to carry out its functions under this subpart. The funds to cover such expenses shall be acquired by the levying of assessments as provided in § 927.41.

§ 927.41 Assessments.

(a) Assessments will be levied only upon handlers who first handle pears. Each handler shall pay assessments on all pears handled by such handler as the pro rata share of the expenses which the Secretary finds are reasonable and likely to be incurred by the Control Committee during a fiscal period. The payment of assessments for the maintenance and functioning of the Control Committee may be required under this part throughout the period such assessments are payable irrespective of whether particular provisions thereof are suspended or become inoperative.

(b) Based upon a recommendation of the Control Committee or other available data, the Secretary shall fix the

rate of assessment that handlers shall pay on all pears handled during each fiscal period, and may also fix supplemental rates of assessment on individual varieties or subvarieties to secure sufficient funds to provide for projects authorized under § 927.47. At any time during the fiscal period when it is determined on the basis of a committee recommendation or other information that a different rate is necessary for all pears or for any varieties or subvarieties, the Secretary may modify a rate of assessment and such new rate shall apply to any or all varieties or subvarieties that are shipped during the fiscal period.

(c) The Control Committee may impose a late payment charge on any handler who fails to pay any assessment within the time prescribed by the committee. In the event the handler thereafter fails to pay the amount outstanding, including the late payment charge, within the prescribed time, the Control Committee may impose an additional charge in the form of interest on such outstanding amount. The amount of such late payment charge and rate of interest, shall be prescribed by the Control Committee, with the approval of the Secretary.

(d) In order to provide funds to carry out the functions of the Control Committee prior to commencement of shipments in any season, handlers may make advance payments of assessments, which advance payments shall be credited to such handlers and the assessments of such handlers shall be adjusted so that such assessments are based upon the quantity of each variety of pears handled by such handlers during such season. Further, payment discounts may be authorized by the Control Committee upon the approval of the Secretary to handlers making such advance assessment payments.

[51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986, as amended at 61 FR 17554, Apr. 22, 1996]

§ 927.42 Accounting.

(a) If, at the end of a fiscal period, the assessments collected are in excess of expenses incurred, the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may carryover such excess into subsequent fiscal periods as a reserve: *Provided*, That funds already in the reserve

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do not exceed approximately one fiscal period's expenses. Such reserve may be used (1) to cover any expense authorized under this part and (2) to cover necessary expenses of liquidation in the event of termination of this part. Any such excess not retained in a reserve or applied to any outstanding obligation of the person from whom it was collected shall be refunded proportionately to the persons from whom it was collected. Upon termination of this part, any funds not required to defray the necessary expenses of liquidation shall be disposed of in such manner as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate: *Provided*, That to the extent practical, such funds shall be returned pro rata to the persons from whom such funds were collected.

(b) All funds received by the committee pursuant to the provisions of this part shall be used solely for the purpose specified in this part and shall be accounted for in the manner provided in this part. The Secretary may at any time require the committee and its members to account for all receipts and disbursements.

[27 FR 93, Jan. 5, 1962]

§ 927.43 Use of funds.

From the funds acquired pursuant to § 927.41 the Control Committee shall pay the salaries of its employees, if any, and pay the expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of the Control Committee.

§ 927.44 Collection of unpaid assessments.

The Control Committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may institute and maintain, in its own name or in the names of its members, legal proceedings against any handler assessed for the collection of such handler's pro rata share of the aforesaid expenses.

§ 927.45 Contributions.

The Control Committee may accept voluntary contributions but these shall only be used to pay expenses incurred pursuant to section 927.47. Furthermore, such contributions shall be free from any encumbrances by the donor

and the Control Committee shall retain complete control of their use.

[61 FR 17555, Apr. 22, 1996]

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§ 927.47 Research and development.

The Control Committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish or provide for the establishment of production research, or marketing research and development projects designed to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and consumption of pears. Such projects may provide for any form of marketing promotion, including paid advertising. The expense of such projects shall be paid from funds collected pursuant to §§ 927.41 and 927.45. Expenditures for a particular variety of pears shall approximate the amount of assessments and voluntary contributions collected for that variety of pears.

[61 FR 17555, Apr. 22, 1996]

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§ 927.50 Recommendation by the Control Committee.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Control Committee to investigate, from time to time, supply and demand conditions relative to pears and each grade, size, and quality of each variety thereof. Such investigations by the Control Committee shall be with respect to the following: (1) Estimated production of each variety of pears and of each grade, size, and quality thereof; (2) prospective supplies and prices of Bartlett pears and other fruits, both in fresh and processed form, which are competitive to the marketing of pears; (3) prospective exports of pears and imports of pears from other producing areas; (4) probable harvesting period for each variety of pears; (5) the trend and level of consumer income; (6) general economic conditions; and (7) other relevant factors.

(b) On or before August 1 of each year, the Control Committee shall recommend regulations to the Secretary if it finds, on the basis of the foregoing investigations, that such regulation as is provided in § 927.51 will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

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(c) In the event the Control Committee at any time finds that by reason of changed conditions any regulation issued pursuant to § 927.51 should be modified, suspended, or terminated, it shall so recommend to the Secretary.

§ 927.51 Issuance of regulations; and modification, suspension, or termination thereof.

(a) Whenever the Secretary finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the Control Committee, or from other available information, that regulation, in the manner specified in this section, of the shipment of pears would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall so limit the shipment of pears during a specified period or periods. Such regulation: (1) May limit the total quantity of any grade, size, quality, or combinations thereof, of any variety of pears grown in any district and may prescribe different requirements applicable to shipments to different export markets; or (2) may prescribe minimum standards of quality for any variety of pears and limit the shipment thereof to those meeting such minimum standards.

(b) Whenever the Secretary finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the Control Committee, or from other available information, that a regulation should be modified, suspended, or terminated with respect to any or all shipments of pears grown in any district in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall so modify, suspend, or terminate such regulation. If the Secretary finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the Control Committee, or from other available information, that a regulation obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall suspend or terminate such regulation. On the same basis and in like manner the Secretary may terminate such modification or suspension.

§ 927.52 Prerequisites to Control Committee recommendations.

(a) Decisions of the Control Committee with respect to any recommendations to the Secretary pursuant to the establishment or modifica-

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tion of a supplemental rate of assessment for an individual variety of pears shall be made by affirmative vote of not less than 75 percent of the applicable total number of votes, computed in the manner hereinafter described in this section, of all committee members. Decisions of the Control Committee pursuant to the provisions of § 927.50 shall be made by an affirmative vote of not less than 80 percent of the applicable total number of votes, computed in the manner hereinafter prescribed in this section, of all committee members.

(b) With respect to a particular variety of pears, the applicable total number of votes shall be the aggregate of the votes allotted to the members of the committee in accordance with the following: Each member shall have one vote as an individual and, in addition, shall have an equal share of the vote of the district represented by such member; and such district vote shall be computed by the Control Committee as soon as practical after the beginning of each fiscal period on either—

(1) The basis of one vote for each 25,000 boxes (except 2,500 boxes for Forelle and Seckel varieties) of the average quantity of such variety produced in the particular district and shipped therefrom during the immediately preceding three fiscal periods; or

(2) Such other basis as the Control Committee may recommend and the Secretary may approve.

The votes so allotted to a member of the committees may be cast by such member on each recommendation relative to the variety of pears on which such votes were computed.

[51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986, as amended at 61 FR 17555, Apr. 22, 1996]

§ 927.53 Notification.

(a) The Control Committee shall give prompt notice to growers and handlers of each recommendation to the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of § 927.50.

(b) The Secretary shall immediately notify the Control Committee of the issuance of each regulation and of each modification, suspension, or termination of a regulation and the Control

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§ 927.54 Exemption certificates.

(a) As soon as practicable after the beginning of each fiscal period the Control Committee shall adopt and announce the procedural rules by which exemption certificates may be issued to growers. The Control Committee shall determine the percentage which the grades and sizes of each variety of pears permitted to be shipped from each district under the regulation bears to the total quantity of each variety of pears which could be shipped from that district in the absence of regulation. An exemption certificate may thereafter be granted to any grower who furnishes proof that he will be prevented, because of the regulation in effect, from shipping a percentage of a particular variety of his pears equal to the percentage of pears of that particular variety permitted to be shipped from his district as determined by the Control Committee. Such exemption certificate shall permit the growers to ship that quantity of the particular variety of pears of the regulated grades and sizes of such variety as will enable him to ship as large a percentage of such variety of his pears as the average percentage of that particular variety of pears that is permitted to be shipped by all growers in his district.

(b) In the event the Control Committee shall determine and report to the Secretary that, by reason of general crop failure or other extraordinary conditions within a particular district, it is not feasible and would not be equitable to issue exemption certificates to growers within that district on the basis of the average percentage of the pears grown in the district which may be shipped in compliance with the requirements of § 927.51, the Secretary may prescribe such other basis for the issuance of such certificates to growers within that district as he may find to be feasible, equitable, and proper.

(c) The Secretary shall have power to modify, change, alter, or amend any procedural rules and any exemption granted under this section.

§ 927.60 Inspection and certification.

(a) Except as hereinafter provided no handler shall ship any pears not theretofore inspected, and a certificate issued with respect thereto, by a duly authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service: *Provided*, That such inspection and certification of shipments of pears may be performed by such other inspection service as the Control Committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may designate. Promptly after shipment of any pears, the handler shall submit, or cause to be submitted, to the Control Committee a copy of the inspection certificate issued on such shipment.

(b) Any handler may ship pears, on any one conveyance and in such quantity as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe, exempt from the inspection and certification requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

[15 FR 6071, Sept. 9, 1950. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 27 FR 93, Jan. 5, 1962]

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§ 927.65 Exemption from regulation.

(a) Nothing contained in this subpart shall limit or authorize the limitation of shipment of pears for consumption by charitable institutions or distribution by relief agencies or conversion into by-products, nor shall any assessment be computed on pears so shipped. The Control Committee may prescribe regulations to prevent pears shipped for either of such purposes from entering commercial fresh-fruit channels of trade contrary to the provisions of this subpart.

(b) The Control Committee may prescribe rules and regulations, to become effective upon the approval of the Secretary, whereby quantities of pears or types of pear shipments may be exempted from any or all provisions of this subpart.

(c) The Control Committee may, with the approval of the Secretary, designate storage warehouses within the area and prescribe rules and regulations whereby pears may be shipped to such storage warehouses exempt from

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the provisions of this subpart: *Provided*, That pears so shipped shall not thereafter be handled contrary to the provisions of this subpart.

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§ 927.70 Reports.

Upon the request of the Control Committee, subject to the disapproval of the Secretary, each handler shall furnish to the Control Committee, in such manner and at such times as it prescribes, such information as will enable it to perform its duties under this subpart.

§ 927.71 Compliance.

Except as provided in § 927.65, no handler shall ship any pears contrary to the applicable restrictions and limitations specified in, or effective pursuant to, the provisions of this subpart.

§ 927.72 Duration of immunities.

The benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred by virtue of this subpart shall cease upon termination hereof, except with respect to acts done under and during the existence of this subpart.

§ 927.73 Separability.

If any provision of this subpart is declared invalid, or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, or thing is held invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions and the applicability thereof to any other person, circumstance, or thing shall not be affected thereby.

§ 927.74 Derogation.

Nothing contained in this subpart is or shall be construed to be in derogation of, or in modification of, the rights of the Secretary or of the United States to exercise any powers granted by the act or otherwise, or, in accordance with such powers, to act in the premises whenever such action is deemed advisable.

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§ 927.75 Liability of Control Committee members.

No member or alternate for a member of the Control Committee, nor any employee or agent thereof, shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others, in any way whatsoever, to any party under this subpart or to any other person for errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate for a member, or employee, except for acts of dishonesty.

§ 927.76 Agents.

The Secretary may name, by designation in writing, any person, including any officer or employee of the Government or any bureau or division in the Department of Agriculture to act as his agent or representative in connection with any of the provisions of this subpart.

§ 927.77 Effective time.

The provisions of this subpart shall become effective August 26, 1939, and shall continue in force until terminated in one of the ways specified in § 927.78.

§ 927.78 Termination.

(a) The Secretary may at any time terminate this subpart.

(b) The Secretary shall terminate or suspend the operation of any or all of the provisions of this subpart whenever he finds that such operation obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(c) The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this subpart at the end of any fiscal period whenever the Secretary finds that such termination is favored by a majority of the growers of pears who, during such fiscal period, have been engaged in the area in the production of pears for market: *Provided*, That such majority have produced for market during such period more than 50 percent of the volume of pears produced for market in the area. Such termination shall be effective only if announced on or before the last day of the then current fiscal period.

(d) The Secretary shall conduct a referendum within every six-year period

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beginning on the date this section becomes effective, to ascertain whether continuance of this subpart is favored by producers. The Secretary may terminate the provisions of this subpart at the end of any fiscal period in which the Secretary has found that continuance of this subpart is not favored by producers who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production for market of pears in the production area: *Provided*, That termination of the order shall be effective only if announced on or before the last day of the then current fiscal period.

(e) The provisions of this part shall, in any event, terminate whenever the provisions of the act authorizing them cease to be in effect.

[15 FR 6071, Sept. 9, 1950. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 51 FR 30627, Aug. 28, 1986]

§ 927.79 Proceedings after termination.

(a) Upon the termination of this subpart, the members of the Control Committee then functioning shall continue as joint trustees for the purpose of liquidating all funds and property then in the possession or under the control of the Control Committee, including claims for any funds unpaid or property not delivered at the time of such termination.

(b) The joint trustees shall continue in such capacity until discharged by the Secretary; from time to time account for all receipts and disbursements; deliver all funds and property on hand, together with all books and records of the Control Committee and of the joint trustees, to such person as the Secretary shall direct; and, upon the request of the Secretary, execute such assignments or other instruments necessary and appropriate to vest in such person full title to all of the funds or claims vested in the Control Committee or in said joint trustees.

(c) Any funds collected pursuant to this subpart and held by such joint trustees or such person over and above the amounts necessary to meet outstanding obligations and the expenses necessarily incurred by the joint trustees or such other person in the performance of their duties under this subpart, as soon as practicable after

the termination hereof, shall be returned to the handlers pro rata in proportion to their contributions thereto.

(d) Any person to whom funds, property, or claims have been delivered by the Control Committee or its members, upon direction of the Secretary, as provided in this section, shall be subject to the same obligations and duties with respect to said funds, property, or claims as are imposed upon the members of said Committee or upon said joint trustees.

§ 927.80 Amendments.

Amendments to this subpart may be proposed from time to time by the Control Committee or by the Secretary.

§ 927.81 Effect of termination or amendment.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the termination of this subpart or of any regulation issued pursuant to this subpart or the issuance of any amendment to either, shall not (a) affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability which shall have arisen or which may thereafter arise in connection with any provision of this subpart or any regulation issued hereunder, or (b) release or extinguish any violation of this subpart or of any regulation issued hereunder, or (c) affect or impair any rights or remedies of the Secretary or of any other person with respect to any such violation.

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SOURCE: 16 FR 10926, Oct. 27, 1951, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961.

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§ 927.100 Terms.

Each term used in this subpart shall have the same meaning as when used in the marketing agreement and order.

§ 927.101 Marketing agreement.

Marketing agreement means Marketing Agreement No. 89, as amended, regulating the handling of Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosc, Winter Nelis, Doyenne du Comice, Beurre Easter, and

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Beurre Clairgeau varieties of pears grown in the States of Oregon, Washington, and California.

§ 927.102 Order.

Order means Order No. 927, as amended (§§ 927.1 to 927.81), regulating the handling of Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosc, Winter Nelis, Doyenne du Comice, Beurre Easter, and Beurre Clairgeau varieties of pears grown in the States of Oregon, Washington, and California.

COMMUNICATIONS

§ 927.105 Communications.

Unless otherwise prescribed in this subpart, or in the marketing agreement and order, or required by the Control Committee, all reports, applications, submittals, requests, inspection certificates, and communications in connection with the marketing agreement and order shall be forwarded to: Winter Pear Control Committee, 4382 SE International Way, Suite A, Milwaukie OR 97222-4635.

[65 FR 48139, Aug. 7, 2000]

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

§ 927.110 Determination of district percentages.

(a) The Control Committee, at its meeting held on or before August 1 of each year for the purpose of making recommendations to the Secretary under the provisions of § 927.50, shall estimate the district percentages which the grades and sizes of each variety of pears permitted to be shipped from each district under the recommended regulation bears to the total quantity of each variety of pears which could be shipped from that district in the absence of regulation.

(b) Any notice issued or given pursuant to this estimate shall specifically state that each of the said percentages is merely an estimate subject to change, and is not to be relied upon until final action is taken as hereinafter provided. Each exemption committee, as hereinafter constituted in each district, shall meet and elect a district chairman and a secretary, either at or within ten days following said meeting of the Control Com-

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mittee. Said district chairman shall immediately notify the secretary of the Control Committee of the names of the chairman and the secretary. The chairman of each exemption committee shall call a meeting of such committee within his district not later than a date to be determined each year by the Control Committee at the meeting specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) At said district meeting, the district percentage estimates made by the Control Committee shall be reviewed by the exemption committee, and, if found to be not in accordance with conditions then existing within the district, said committee shall recommend proper adjustments to the Control Committee. Each exemption committee shall make only one recommendation for adjustment of district percentages in any one season, and said recommendation shall be made not later than the date specified by the Control Committee, except that should a major change occur in the crop or crops in any district after such date, the exemption committee may recommend a further change in such percentages. On the basis of the information submitted to it by the exemption committees and such other information and evidence as is available to it, the Control Committee shall establish all district percentages to be used in computing exemptions to growers. In the event no adjustment is recommended by the exemption committees by the date above specified, the Control Committee shall immediately, on the basis of information and evidence available to it, establish the district percentages to be used in computing exemptions to growers.

(d) The Control Committee shall give prompt notice to growers and handlers of the final percentages to be used in computing exemptions to growers.

(e) Any action taken by an exemption committee shall be approved by four affirmative votes, and each such committee shall keep accurate minutes and records of the proceedings of each of its meetings. A copy of such minutes and records shall be forwarded to the

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secretary of the Control Committee promptly after each meeting.

[17 FR 11629, Dec. 20, 1952. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961]

§ 927.110a Application for exemption certification.

Each application for an exemption certificate authorizing the shipment (pursuant to § 927.54) during a particular marketing season of any variety of pears shall be filed with the Secretary of the Control Committee. At the same time, and in order to insure prompt handling of such application, the applicant shall mail or deliver a copy of the application to the chairman of the exemption committee in the district in which the pears are grown. The application should be filed at the time the pears are harvested, and must be filed prior to the time the applicant's crop is graded, sized, and packed. Each application duly mailed and received by the Secretary of the Control Committee shall be deemed to have been filed with the Secretary as of the date of such mailing. As a part, and in support, of the application for an exemption certificate, the applicant shall submit one or more inspection certificates (or copies thereof) issued by a duly authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service indicating the percentage of such applicant's production of all pears of such variety which will meet the grade, size, and quality regulations in effect and the percentage which will not meet these regulations; and the volume of pears so inspected shall be representative of such applicant's total production of such variety. The said exemption committee shall have the right to make or cause to be made such additional investigation as may be necessary to determine whether the portion of the applicant's production covered by the inspection certificates adequately represents the applicant's total production of such variety. The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the applicant. The application to be submitted shall be "Form E-1 Growers Application for Exemption Certificate" and shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) The location of the orchard (by district and distance from the nearest town) from which the fruit is to be shipped pursuant to the exemption certificate;

(c) The number and age of the trees producing the particular variety for which exemption is requested;

(d) The estimated quantity of such variety which could be shipped by the applicant in the absence of the grade, size, or quality regulations in effect at the time the application is filed;

(e) The percentage of such variety, as set forth in the attached Federal-State inspection certificate or the weighted average of such percentages if there is more than one inspection certificate, which meets the requirements of the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations;

(f) The quantity of such variety which meets the requirements of the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations (such quantity shall be determined by applying the applicable percentage prescribed in paragraph (e) of this section to be the estimated quantity pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section);

(g) The total crop of such variety and the quantity shipped during the preceding marketing season;

(h) The names of the shippers who shipped all or any portion of the applicant's aforesaid crop during the preceding marketing season;

(i) The reasons why the quantity of the particular variety of pears, for which exemption is requested, does not meet the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations; and

(j) The name of the shipper or shippers who will ship the exempted pears if the exemption certificate is issued.

[20 FR 7029, Sept. 20, 1955. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961]

§ 927.111 Exemption committee.

The members and alternate members of the Control Committee residing in the district in which the applicant grower's orchard is located shall act as an exemption committee for that district and shall make or cause to be made such investigation as may be necessary to determine whether and to what extent such applicant will be prevented, because of the aforesaid grade,

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size, or quality regulations in effect, from shipping as large a percentage of the particular variety of his pears as the percentage of all pears of that particular variety permitted to be shipped from his district as determined by the Control Committee. In the event any member or alternate member of the Control Committee shall himself apply for an exemption certificate he shall be disqualified to serve as a member of the exemption committee to act upon the application.

§927.112 Issuance of exemption certificate.

In the event such exemption committee finds and determines from proof, satisfactory to the committee, that the applicant is entitled to an exemption certificate, such exemption certificate shall be issued so as to permit the applicant to ship or have shipped the requisite quantity of his pears. Each exemption certificate shall be signed by the secretary or assistant secretary of the Control Committee and one copy thereof shall be delivered to the grower, one copy shall be delivered to each shipper designated by the grower to receive a copy, and one copy shall be retained in the files of the Control Committee. In the event the secretary of the Control Committee has reason to believe that any such finding or determination by an exemption committee is improper or not in accordance with the facts, he may disapprove the same, and shall make or cause to be made such further investigation as he may determine to be necessary or advisable, and may request or obtain such information as he may deem necessary to enable him to determine whether or not and to what extent an applicant is entitled to an exemption certificate.

§927.113 Appeal to Control Committee.

Any grower, whose application is denied in whole or in part by the appropriate exemption committee or by the secretary of the Control Committee, may file a written appeal with the Control Committee within fifteen (15) days after the date of the notice to such grower of the decision involved. Upon receipt of such appeal, the secretary of the Control Committee shall submit

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the same, together with all applicable information and data, including the report of the exemption committee on that grower's application to the members of the Control Committee, who thereafter shall review the same and shall determine whether and to what extent the applicant is entitled to an exemption certificate. Thereupon the secretary of the Control Committee shall issue to that grower such exemption certificate as the Control Committee shall determine to be proper.

§927.114 Appeal to Secretary.

Any grower who is dissatisfied with the Control Committee's determination with respect to any appeal by that grower from a decision by an exemption committee or by the Secretary of the Control Committee with respect to that grower's application for an exemption certificate, may appeal from such determination by the Control Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture. Any such appeal shall be made by filing with the secretary of the Control Committee a written notice of appeal within fifteen (15) days after notice to that grower of the aforesaid determination by the Control Committee. Promptly upon receipt of notice of an appeal signed by the applicant, the secretary of the Control Committee shall forward to the Secretary of Agriculture, or to his designated representative, a true and correct copy of all information pertaining to that grower's application for an exemption certificate and the action taken thereon by the Control Committee, together with such written information and proof as was submitted to or obtained by the Control Committee with regard to said application, and a true copy of the appellant grower's notice of appeal.

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§927.120 Pears for charitable or by-product purposes.

Pears which do not meet the requirements of the then effective grade, size, or quality regulations shall not be shipped or handled for consumption by any charitable institution or for distribution by any relief agency or for conversion into any by-product, unless there first shall have been delivered to

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the manager of the Control Committee a certificate executed by the intended receiver and user of said pears showing, to the manager's satisfaction, that said pears actually will be used for one or more of the aforesaid purposes.

§ 927.121 Pears for gift purposes.

There are exempted from the provisions of the marketing agreement and order any and all pears which, in individual gift packages, are shipped directly to, or which are shipped for distribution without resale to, an individual person as the consumer thereof, and any and all pears which, in individual gift packages are shipped directly to, or are shipped for distribution without resale to, a purchaser who will use these pears solely for gift purposes and not for sale.

§ 927.122 Shipments to designated storages.

(a) Pears may be shipped without prior inspection and certification to any public warehouse in Yakima, Zillah, Wenatchee, or Grandview in the State of Washington; in Portland, Klamath Falls, or Medford in the State of Oregon; or in Tulelake or Yuba City in the State of California, for storage therein in transit: *Provided*, That any pears so shipped shall be inspected, and a certificate issued with respect thereto, as provided in § 927.60 of the marketing agreement and order, prior to such pears being removed from such warehouse. At the time any pears are so shipped into such public storage warehouse and again when such pears are shipped out of such warehouse, the handler shall, on his "Handler's Statement of Pear Shipments," report each such shipment as prescribed in § 927.125(b).

(b) Any pears shipped to one of the aforesaid storage warehouses pursuant to this section which, upon inspection, do not meet the requirements of the then effective grade, size, or quality regulations may be (1) repacked at such warehouse so as to meet such requirements, (2) sold and delivered within the state where such warehouse is located for processing or conversion into by-products, or (3) returned to the state where the pears were produced for repacking or for sale within such

state: *Provided*, That there first shall have been submitted to the manager of the Control Committee proof, satisfactory to the manager, that the pears will not be handled contrary to the provisions of the marketing agreement and order; such proof shall include, in the case of sale and delivery for by-products purposes, a written certificate, executed by both the handler and the intended receiver, stating that the pears will be processed or converted into by-products within the state where such warehouse is located.

[16 FR 10926, Oct. 27, 1951. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 32 FR 13181, Sept. 16, 1967; 40 FR 42851, Sept. 17, 1975; 58 FR 34691, June 29, 1993]

§ 927.123 Interest and late payment charges.

Payments received more than 45 days after the date on which they are due shall be considered delinquent and subject to a late payment charge of \$25.00 or 2 percent of the total due, whichever is greater. Payments received more than 60 days after the date on which they are due shall be subject to a 1½ percent interest charge per month, until final payment is made and interest shall be applied to the total unpaid balance, including the late payment charge and any accumulated interest. Any amount paid shall be credited when the payment is received in the Control Committee office.

[58 FR 34691, June 29, 1993]

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§ 927.125 Reports.

(a) Each shipper handling pears covered by an exemption certificate shall keep an accurate record, in the manner provided on such certificate, of all shipments of such pears. Such shipper, after having shipped as many pears as authorized by the particular exemption certificate, shall promptly mail to the Secretary of the Control Committee, such handler's copy of the exemption certificate containing an accurate record of such shipments.

(b) Each handler shall furnish to the Control Committee, as of every other Friday, a report containing the following information on Form 1 "Handlers' Statement of Pear Shipments":

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(1) The number of standard western pear boxes (two half boxes shall be counted as one box) of each variety of pears shipped by that handler during the preceding two weeks;

(2) The date of each shipment;

(3) The ultimate destination, by city and state or city and country; and

(4) The name and address of such handler. In addition, the handler shall indicate, for each lot of pears shipped in accordance with the provisions of § 927.122, the storage lot number, and the name and address of the storage warehouse.

(c) Each handler shall furnish to the Control Committee, as of every other Friday, a "Handler's Packout Report" containing the following information:

(1) The total of the packout of each variety;

(2) The quantity of each variety loose in storage;

(3) The volume of each variety sold; and

(4) The name and address of such handler.

(d) Each handler who has shipped less than 2,500 standard western pear boxes during any two-week reporting period of the shipping season may, in lieu of reporting biweekly, report as follows:

(1) At completion of harvest, on the next biweekly reporting date, furnish to the Control Committee a "Handler's Packout Report";

(2) After unreported shipments total 2,500 standard western pear boxes, furnish to the Control Committee a "Handler's Statement of Pear Shipments" and a "Handler's Packout Report" on the next biweekly reporting date;

(3) After completion of all shipments from regular storage (i.e. non-Controlled Atmosphere storage) at the end of the shipping season, furnish to the Control Committee a "Handler's Statement of Pear Shipments" and a "Handler's Packout Report" on the next biweekly reporting date;

(4) At mid-season for Controlled Atmosphere storage, at a date established by the Control Committee, furnish to the Control Committee a "Handler's Statement of Pear Shipments" and a "Handler's Packout Report"; and

(5) At the completion of all seasonal pear shipments, furnish to the Control Committee a "Handler's Statement of

Pear Shipments" and a "Handler's Packout Report" on the next biweekly reporting date. Each of these reports shall be marked "final report" and include an explanation of the actual shipments versus the original estimate, if different.

(e) Each handler who has pears inspected and certificated in lots larger than carload lots and who wishes to rely on such lot inspections in lieu of inspection certificates for individual carlot shipments shall deliver to the manager within 10 days after shipment of any such pears a written report showing the quantity, variety, grade, and size of the pears so shipped and the date of shipment thereof, and said report shall identify such pears with the lot-inspection certificate covering the same, and shall further show what portion of that lot remains unshipped, and where located; such report shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the handler's reports of shipments required under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(f) Each handler shall specify on each bill of lading covering each shipment the variety, and number of boxes thereof, of all pears included in that shipment.

[16 FR 10926, Oct. 27, 1951, as amended at 20 FR 7029, Sept. 20, 1955. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 40 FR 42852, Sept. 17, 1975; 58 FR 34691, June 29, 1993; 60 FR 47860, Sept. 15, 1995]

§ 927.142 Reserve fund.

(a) It is necessary and appropriate to establish and maintain an operating reserve fund in an amount not to exceed approximately one fiscal period's expenses to be used in accordance with the provisions of § 927.42 of the amended marketing agreement and this part, and

(b) Assessments collected for the period ended June 30, 1962, were in excess of the expenses for such period and the committee is hereby authorized to place \$2,500 of such excess in said reserve.

[27 FR 9175, Sept. 15, 1962. Redesignated at 44 FR 73011, Dec. 17, 1979]

EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979, "Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment" regulations (e.g. sections .200 through

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.299) and "Handling" regulations (e.g. sections .300 through .399) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

ASSESSMENT RATE

§ 927.236 Assessment rate.

On and after July 1, 1998, an assessment rate of \$0.49 per standard box is established for the Winter Pear Control Committee.

[61 FR 42530, Aug. 16, 1996, as amended at 62 FR 44204, Aug. 20, 1997; 63 FR 46635, Sept. 2, 1998]

§ 927.316 Handling regulation.

During the period August 15 through November 1, no person shall handle any Beurre D'Anjou variety of pears for shipments to North America (Continental United States, Mexico, or Canada), unless such pears meet the following requirements:

(a) Beurre D'Anjou variety of pears shall have a certification by the Federal-State Inspection Service, issued prior to shipment, showing that (1) the core/pulp temperature of such pears has been lowered to 35 degrees Fahrenheit or less and (2) any such pears have an average pressure test of 14 pounds or less. The handler shall submit, or cause to be submitted, a copy of the certificate issued on the shipment to the Control Committee.

(b) Each handler may ship on any one conveyance 8,800 pounds or less of Beurre D'Anjou variety of pears without regard to the quality and inspection requirements in paragraph (a) of this section.

[65 FR 48139, Aug. 7, 2000; 65 FR 53531, Sept. 5, 2000]

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